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The workers at the "V. Kolarov" Tunnel, under the "Gulubets" mountain peak, have made a pledge to Comrade Vulko Chervenkov and to the entire Bulgarian people that they will complete the tunnel by 21 December -- the birthday of Comrade Stalin.

In their struggle to fulfill this pledge, the workers have been constantly increasing their average daily construction work in lining the tunnel's walls, thus overfulfilling their production plan. The average daily fulfillment of the Plan, from the day light construction work was begun to 9 September, has been 215 percent. Fully aware of the enormous economic importance of the railroad line running along the foot of the Balkan mountain, the workers and the technical personnel decided to work on all holidays and workdays until the tunnel is completed.

Responding to the appeal of the Party Committee, the Trade Union committees and the Administration, the workers at the tunnel working near the "Bunovo" opening did not cease their work on 9 September -- Freedom Day. On this day they realized new construction feats hitherto unheard of in Bulgaria. While the average daily area to be covered with concrete, according to the plan, is 3.60 meters, or 1.20 meters per shift, the "Stalin", "Chervenkov" and "V. Kolarov" construction brigades covered 12 meters with concrete on 9 September. The "Stalin" brigade covered 4.10 meters, the "Chervenkov" brigade 4.05 meters and the "V. Kolarov" brigade 3.85 meters. The daily plan for pouring concrete was fulfilled by 333 percent. The comrades operating the machines played an important part in making these results possible, because they saw to it that the conveyor belts never ceased moving, that the pumps never ceased pumping out the water, and kept the cement mixer in constant operation. The officer responsible

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for the machines, Comrade Kiril Pandov, was able to stay on the job during the entire time 3 shifts were at work. The following comrades distinguished themselves in pouring concrete: Iv. N. Shtaplev, Stoycho V. Vatrachki, Metodi Shopov and Vladimir Temelakiev.

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